

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3744**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Nobuyuki NISHIWAKI

Group Art Unit: 3744

Application No.: 10/785,075

Examiner: NORMAN

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For: THERMOSTAT ABNORMAL STATE DETECTING APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the April 11, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Norman in the July 2 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 2, 3, 12 and 13, and the indication of allowability regarding claims 4-6, 8, 14-16 and 18. The remaining claims are also allowable, as discussed below.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 7, 9-11, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,279,390 to Oka et al. ("Oka") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,018,484 to Naitoh. This rejection is respectfully traversed.